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President's Report and Recommendations, October 19th, 1977

University of Texas at Tyler

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
Board of Regents Meeting
3:00 p.m., October 19, 1977

1. Recommended Change to Faculty Senate Constitution

REPORT: Following specified Board of Regents policy, the Faculty Senate has approved an amendment to the Faculty Senate Constitution which would dissolve the Faculty Senate Special Events Committee and permit the appointment of an institutional Special Events Committee by the president. This arrangement will allow the Special Events Committee to function more appropriately with both faculty and student membership. It is possible and feasible to make this modification presently because the university's Student Life area is more fully developed and the routine day to day duties associated with special events or activities can and should be assumed by Student Life under the professional direction of the Coordinator of Student Services.

Motion: Schleser

Second: Turner

BOARD ACTION: That the Board of Regents approve the Faculty Senate Constitution amendment as recommended by the president which dissolves the Special Events Committee under the Faculty Senate in order for the committee to be appointed as an institutional committee.

(approved) (disapproved)

2. Smith County Overall Economic Development Program

REPORT: In connection with the recent Smith County Commissioners Court's acceptance of the county's designation as a redevelopment area by the U. S. Department of Commerce, the Smith County Commission has sought to identify each public organization in the county and has requested that a representative from each be selected to form the Smith County Overall Economic Development Program Committee in compliance with requirements of the U. S. Department of Commerce. Further, the commission has requested that each person serving on the committee, which is charged with the responsibility of preparing an overall economic development program for the county that must be written and submitted for approval to the Economic Development Division of the U. S. Department of Commerce, be designated by his respective council or board. Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Regents formally name the university president to represent Texas Eastern University on the Smith County Overall Economic Development Committee.

Motion: Velvin

Second: Schleier

BOARD ACTION: That the Board of Regents name the university president to represent Texas Eastern University on the Smith County Overall Economic Development Program Committee which is charged with the responsibility of preparing an overall economic development program for Smith County.
(approved) (disapproved)

3. Texas Community and Junior College Scholarships

Texas Eastern University awarded one scholarship for Summer I Term, 1977 and one scholarship for Summer II Term, 1977 to a student from Lon Morris College under the Texas Eastern University Educational Foundation, Inc. Community and Junior College Scholarship program in the amount of \$76.00 for each term. Since there was a balance on hand of \$833.50 in the scholarship fund, no additional funds were requested of the foundation.

For the Fall Semester 1977, eighteen scholarships were awarded to students from twelve institutions. Participating colleges and their respective awards, which vary in amount according to individual course loads, are as follows:

Blinn College	\$ 144.50
Eastfield College	172.50
Henderson County Junior College (2) (\$144.50 & \$172.50)	317.00
Jacksonville College (2) (\$172.50 & \$174.50)	347.00
Kilgore College (2) (\$172.50 & \$202.50)	375.00
Lon Morris Junior College (2) (\$144.50 & \$202.50)	347.00
Navarro County Junior College (2) (\$172.50 & \$182.50)	355.00
North Harris County College	134.50
Odessa College	144.50
Panola Junior College	172.50
Tarrant County Junior College	202.50
Tyler Junior College (2) \$202.50 & \$172.50)	375.00
Total	\$3087.00

Our business office had estimated the amount needed for Community and Junior College Scholarships for the Fall Semester 1977 to be \$6,037.50. Accordingly, \$5,356.00 (the estimated \$6,037.50 less a \$681.50 balance on hand) was requested from the foundation under authority previously established by the Board of Regents.

BOARD ACTION: To be presented as information.

4. Small Class and Faculty Workload Reports and Enrollment Analysis

Small Class Report: The 65th Texas Legislature enacted legislation which requires governing boards of each general academic institution to authorize instruction taught through small classes. As defined by law, small classes include all organized undergraduate courses with enrollments of less than ten students and all organized graduate courses with less than five students. The Small Class Report for Fall Semester 1977 was filed with members of the Board of Regents as a part of Administrative Notes for September 26, 1977 and will be made a part of the official record of the university as an attachment to the minutes of this meeting. In compliance with the requirement enacted by the 65th Legislature, it is hereby recommended that the Board of Regents authorize small class instruction for the current semester as stipulated in the Fall Semester 1977 Small Class Report.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

BOARD ACTION: That the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the president, authorize the small classes stipulated in the Fall Semester 1977 Small Class Report as filed with board members through Administrative Notes for September 26, 1977...

(approved) (disapproved)

Faculty Workload Report: Legislation enacted by the 65th Texas Legislature requires that each general academic institution in Texas file a Faculty Workload Report with its respective governing board within 30 days following the close of registration. The Faculty Workload Report provides evidence of compliance with minimum standard teaching load requirements for each teacher. For faculty members who do not meet the minimum standard requirement, the report indicates what fraction of time is paid from Faculty Salaries, what other assignment is made for the remainder of the faculty members' time and the source of funds for payment of salaries other than the appropriation item, "Faculty Salaries." In compliance with this legislative requirement, the Faculty Workload Report was filed with members of the Board of Regents through Administrative Notes for September 26, 1977 and is mentioned at this time in order to make this report a part of the official record of the university as an attachment to the minutes of this meeting.

Enrollment Analysis Reports: Routine reports prepared on the basis of Fall Semester 1977 registration and distributed through September 26, 1977 Administrative Notes are mentioned at this time in order to make them a part of the official record

of the university as an attachment to the minutes of this meeting. Reports include:

Registration Summary, Spring 1973-Fall 1977
Semester Hours Produced, Fall 1977
Enrollment Analysis by School, Fall 1977
Student Enrollment Analysis, 1973-77
Head-Count Enrollment by Department or Area, Fall 1977
Report on Off-Campus Courses, Fall 1977
Texas Eastern University Degree Programs, 1977-78
Graduates by Field and Semester, Fall 1974-Summer 1977
Semester Hours Generated, Spring 1973-Fall 1977

5. 1976 Financial Report

A copy of the Texas Eastern University Financial Report for the year ended August 31, 1976 was mailed to each board member as a part of the September 12, 1977 Administrative Notes and is reported in order to make the material a part of the official record of the university as an attachment to the minutes of this meeting.

As previously emphasized, the state auditor's certification letter or audit opinion which is bound with the report contains no qualifications or exceptions. Therefore, we can take pride in the manner in which our financial affairs were handled during Fiscal Year 1976 under the exceptional leadership which Vice President John R. Sawyer provides. In my opinion, Vice President Sawyer is one of the most capable and knowledgeable fiscal officers in Texas higher education, and it is a pleasure to work with him.

6. Faculty Research Projects

Four research projects have been approved recently in accordance with board policy following the recommendation of the Faculty Research Committee and the vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Terry L. Busson (No. 11)	A Comparative Study of Texas Councils of Governments	\$210.00
Dr. Stephen R. Lefevre (No. 12)	The Political Thought of the Greek Sophists	\$230.00
Dr. Keith McCoy (No. 13)	Effects of Depression, Task Complexity and Motoric Involvement on Simple and Choice Reaction Time Tasks	\$935.00
Dr. James R. Stewart (No. 14)	Some Nutritional and Biochemical Studies of a Green Alga, Characiosiphon Rivularis	\$700.00

Total funding for these projects is in the amount of \$2,075.00 and will be expended from university budget account number 15100, Organized Research, in accordance with the purposes for which the Board of Regents has approved the expenditure of these funds.

NOTE: The balance of Dr. W. Carl Roddy's research account, (No. 5) in the amount of \$239.37, was re-distributed in the following manner: \$139.37 as additional funds for Dr. Don W. Killebrew's research project (No. 9) for a total of \$926.37 and \$100.00 as initial funding for Dr. Terry L. Busson's research project (No. 11).

7. Southern Association Reaffirmation

As reported to you through Administrative Notes for September 19, 1977, Dr. Grover J. Andrews, associate executive secretary of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, met with various committees on our campus September 16, 1977 to confer with institutional personnel relative to our five-year reaffirmation scheduled for action at the annual meeting of the association in December 1979. Just prior to Dr. Andrews' visit, members of the Board of Regents were provided with information relative to our self-study organization, calendar of activities and committee assignments. Reference is made to this material at this time in order to make it a part of the official record of the university as an attachment to the minutes of this meeting.